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County rolling out residential waste carts to select subdivisions starting May 1st

Households in the neighbourhoods of Dunes, Maple Ridge Estates, Carriage Lane, Wedgewood, Taylor Estates, and Clairmont including Whispering Ridge and Westlake will receive automated carts to place their household waste in for curbside collection between May 1 and 15.

“The County’s overall goal of the new residential waste cart program is to make waste disposal more convenient and safe for residents, improve neighbourhood cleanliness, reduce the amount of waste we send to our landfill, and decrease our environmental footprint,” said Jennifer Besinger, Technical Services Manager.

The 64-gallon cart will fit an equivalent on 3-4 black garbage bags of waste. The waste carts will be picked up through an automated collection system where a specially designed truck picks up the carts, empties them, and then returns them to their original position. Bag tags can be purchased for \$3 each at the County’s Administration and Public Works building that can be used for bagged waste that does not fit into the waste cart. Residents can alternatively drop items that do not fit in their cart at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management free of charge upon providing their landfill access card to the landfill attendant.

Households in the affected subdivisions will be able to start using their waste carts as soon as they receive it. Their scheduled pickup day remains unchanged. Prior to the launch of the program, each household will receive program information and detailed instructions on how to use their waste cart.

Residents will not be able to use their existing garbage cans, carts and/or receptacles. Only contents in their new waste cart will be collected as only the waste cart supplied is compatible with the automated collection trucks. Residents will not be charged extra or any additional fees for the waste carts or program. Residents who have previously purchased a 64-gallon waste cart from the waste collector (Prairie Disposal) can continue using their cart.

The County’s blue bag recycling program will remain unchanged. Unlimited recycling and organics such as grass clippings and garden waste will still be accepted in blue/clear bags at the curbside.

For more details on the program, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/wastecarts or contact Technical Services at 780-532-7393.

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